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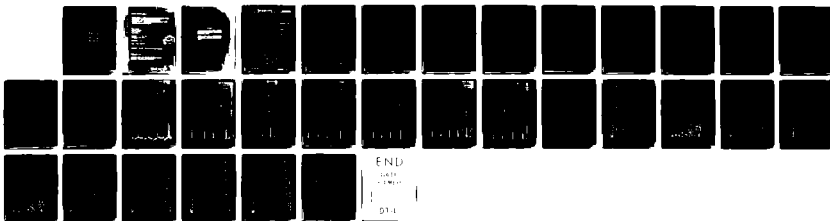
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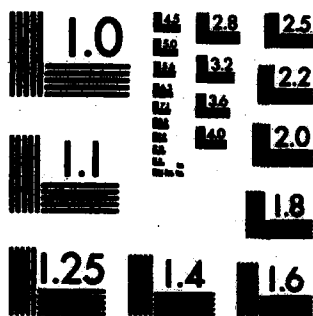
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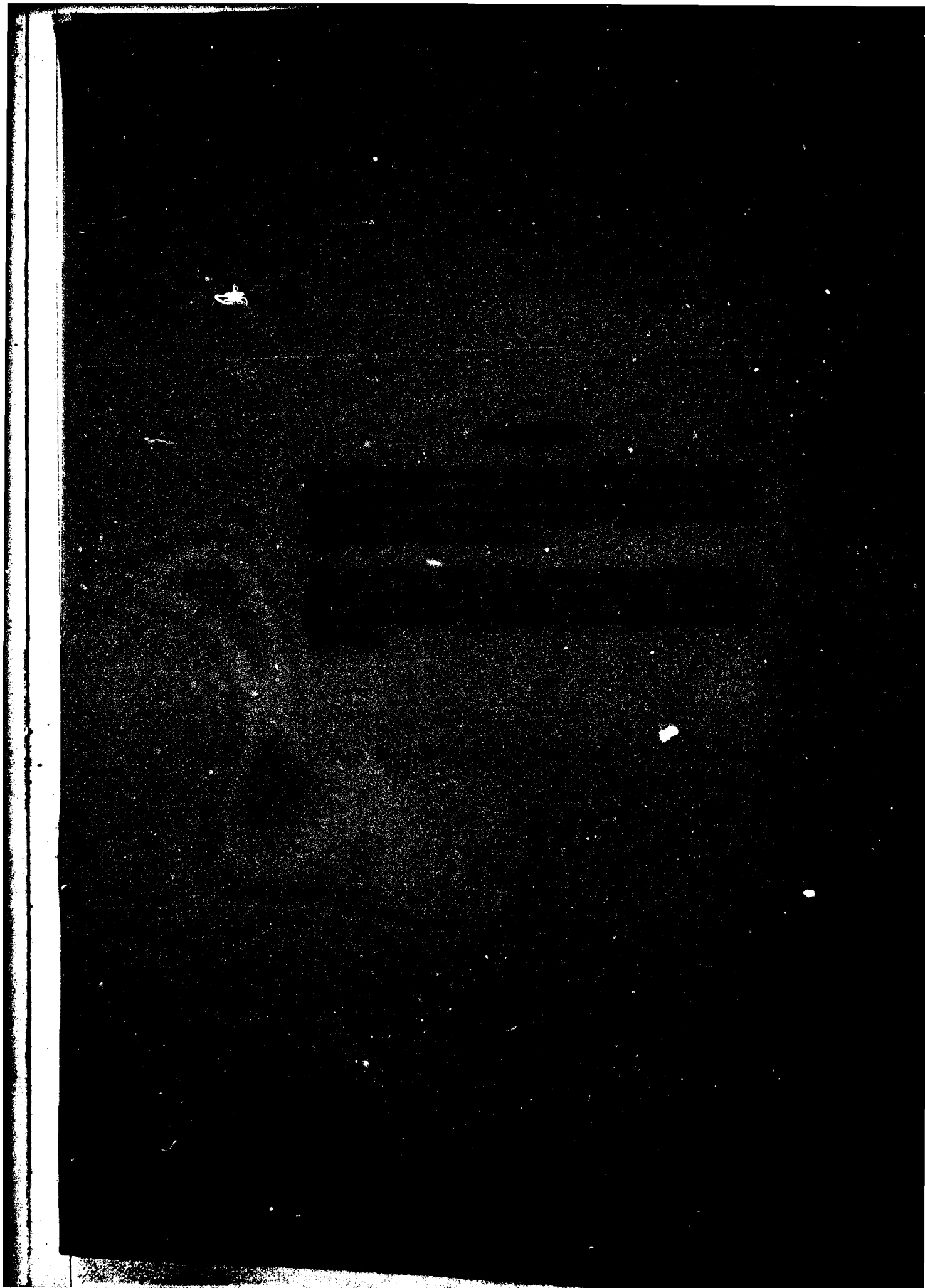
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SUMMARY

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A gas chromatographic system employing a Flame Photometric Detector (GC/FPD) was used to develop a method for the determination of Dimethyl methylphosphonate (DMMP), Diisopropyl methylphosphonate (DIMP) and Trimethyl phosphate (TMP) in aqueous samples under Task R902.35.14. The precision and accuracy of the developed method was determined from the analysis of aqueous samples spiked with 4.92 to 98.40 µg/L of DIMP in the presence of 10 mg/L each of DMMP and TMP. The detection limit at the 90% confidence level, calculated by the method of Hubaux and Vos, is 9.05 µg/L of DIMP in the presence of 10 mg/L each of DMMP and TMP.

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## INTRODUCTION

In May 1974, diisopropyl methylphosphonate (DIMP) and dicyclopentadiene (DCPD) were detected in surface water draining from a marshy bay on the northern boundary of Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA). In September 1974, a dike, north of the bog, was constructed to eliminate any off-post surface drainage.

As a result of observation of these two arsenal related compounds, a program of groundwater and surface water surveillance was initiated. Nineteen additional compounds were detected through gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer qualitative analysis in the groundwater near the northern boundary. Among these potential pollutants were the compounds dimethyl methylphosphonate (DMMP) and trimethylphosphate (TMP). Continued surveillance of RMA groundwater via gas chromatographic quantitative techniques has failed to demonstrate that these compounds represented a potential for migration off post.

During a contaminant leaching study contract effort in July 1980, Basin F liquid was to be analyzed to determine the concentration of DIMP. Instead of finding DIMP previously determined by the Government, the contractor instead identified the material as DMMP. The apparent error in reporting DIMP values, and the presence of significant concentrations of DMMP in a known source material (Basin F) indicated the possibility that DIMP values previously reported by the Government could be suspect.

In light of the error associated with the identification of the suspect contaminant species a chromatographic method was required which would resolve DIMP, DMMP and TMP. Additionally the method should be required to detect 10 ppb of DIMP in the presence of 10 ppm of DMMP and TMP.

## I. ANALYTICAL METHOD

### 1. Application:

The method described in this report is for the quantification of Diisopropyl methylphosphonate (DIMP) in the presence of Dimethyl methylphosphonate (DMMP) and Trimethyl phosphate (TMP).

a. Tested Concentration Range: The tested concentration ranges are 4.9 to 98.4 µg/L DIMP in the presence of 10 mg/L of each DMMP and TMP.

b. Sensitivity: The following picograms of material injected on column give the listed peak height response in centimeters:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Pg injected</u>	<u>Peak Height (cm)</u>
DIMP	25	0.79
DMMP	25	0.84
TMP	25	0.84

c. Detection Limit: The detection limit of DIMP calculated by the method of Hubaux and Vos, from standard water in the presence of 10 mg/L of DMMP and TMP, is 9.05 µg/L.

d. Interferences: No interferences were detected while developing the analytical method.

e. Analysis Rate: After sample preparation and instrument calibration, one analyst can analyze 20 samples in an eight-hour day.

2. Chemistry: The chemical structure of the three analytes are shown in Figure 1.

a. Diisopropyl methylphosphonate

C7H17O3P

CAS RN1445-75-6

Boiling Point: 78-79°C (10 mm)

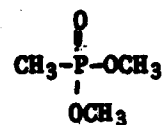
b. Dimethyl methylphosphonate

C3H9O3P

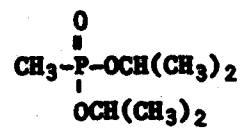
CAS RN121-45-9

Boiling Point: 181°C

Dimethyl methylphosphonate



Diisopropyl methylphosphonate



Trimethyl phosphate

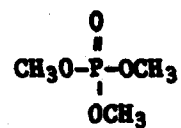
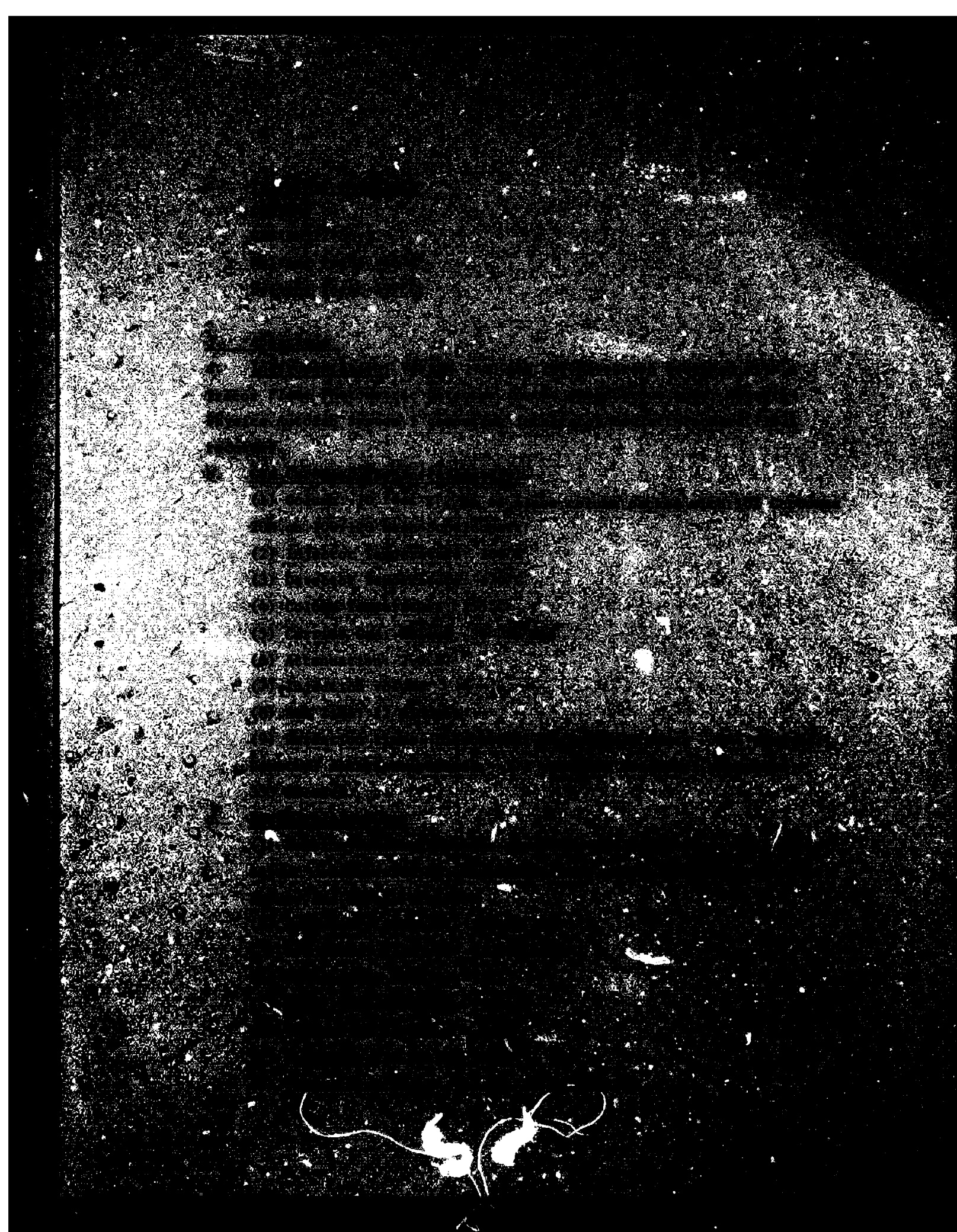


FIGURE 1

Chemical Structure of DMP, DIMP and TMP



d. Chemicals:

- (1) Methylene Chloride, HPLC grade
- (2) Acetone, HPLC grade
- (3) Sodium Sulfate, granular, anhydrous; extracted with methylene chloride, dried at 100°C, cooled and stored in clean glass screw capped Teflon® lined bottles.
- (4) Sodium Chloride, anhydrous, reagent grade
- (5) Diisopropyl methylphosphonate, Army-110-PA-249
- (6) Dimethyl methylphosphonate; Army interim SARMS
- (7) Trimethyl phosphate; Army - interim SARMS

4. Standards:

a. Calibration Standards:

- (1) Stock A: Dilute 2.5 µL DIMP to 25 mL with HPLC grade acetone to give a 98.4 mg/L solution.
- (2) Stock B: Dilute 220 µL DMMP and 210 µL TMP to 25 mL with HPLC grade acetone to give a 10.13 mg/mL DMMP and 10.04 mg/mL TMP solution.
- (3) Prepare the following calibration standards by taking the listed volumes of Stock A and Stock B in a 10 mL volumetric flask and diluting to volume with methylene chloride:

Cal. Std.	µL Stock A	µL Stock B	Concentration mg/L		
			DIMP	DMMP	TMP
1	25	250	0.246	253.2	251.5
2	100	250	0.984	253.2	251.5
3	500	250	4.92	253.2	251.5
4	1,000	250	9.84	253.2	251.5

- b. Control Spikes: Standard water was used as the aqueous media spiked. Prepare standard water as follows: 2.96g Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 3.3 g NaCl in 2 L Milli-Q water. One-hundred milliliter aliquots from the 2L solution of chloride and sulfate were transferred to 1L volumetrics and diluted with additional Milli-Q water yielding 100 mg/L solutions of the salts. The following volumes of stock solutions were spiked into 1 L standard water solutions (100 mg/L each salt).

Control Spike	mL Stock A	mL Stock B	Concentration		
			DIMP µg/L	DIMP mg/L	TMP mg/L
1	0.05	1.0	4.92	10.13	10.04
2	0.10	1.0	9.84	10.13	10.04
3	0.20	1.0	19.68	10.13	10.04
4	0.50	1.0	49.20	10.13	10.04
5	1.00	1.0	98.40	10.13	10.04

Twenty control spikes and four control blanks were prepared (5 levels + 1 blank x 4 days) for subsequent extraction and analysis as stipulated in the USATHAMA QC protocol.

### 5. Sample Preparation

- a. Extraction: Transfer the 1 L sample or control spike to a 2 L separatory funnel. Rinse the sample bottle with 100 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and transfer the  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  into the separatory funnel. Shake the separatory funnel vigorously, with venting, for one minute. Let the two phases separate and settle for three minutes. Transfer the  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  extract to a 500 mL amber glass bottle. Repeat the extraction and transferal two times more.
- b. Drying: Place clean glass wool over the Teflon® stopcock of a 125 mL separatory funnel and add ~ 10 grams of clean dried  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Rinse the glass wool and  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  with 10-15 mL of HPLC grade  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . This solvent rinse is then discarded. Pass the sample extract through the sodium sulfate, glass wool layers and collect in a 500 mL Kuderna-Danish receiver equipped with clean boiling chip. Rinse the 125 mL separatory funnel with an additional 10-15 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and add to the extract.
- c. Concentration: Concentrate the extract by Kuderna Danish to less than 10 mL. Quantitatively transfer the concentrated extracts to a 10 mL volumetric flask and dilute to volume with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .
- d. Analysis: A series of instrument calibration standards are prepared as outlined above, and analyzed during the same time period as the spiked samples. Calibration curves are established by plotting concentrations versus peak height. All calibration standards and samples should be analyzed in duplicate. Chromatograms of calibration

standards and spiked standard water samples used to generate precision and accuracy data are shown in Appendix A.

6. Calculations: Calculate  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for each analyte in each sample from daily calibration data. Using the control spike data, plot  $\mu\text{g/L}$  added versus  $\mu\text{g/L}$  found by the method of Hubaux and Vos using the detection limit (DL) tape supplied by USATHAMA. Correct field sample concentrations using the slope of this linear regression line. The results of the precision and accuracy tests for DIMP in the presence of 10  $\text{ng/mL}$  DMP and TMP may be found in Appendix B.

**APPENDIX A**

**Chromatograms of Calibration Standards  
and Control Spike Samples of Diisopropyl methylphosphate**



Example Chromatograms  
of 50 ppb 100 ppb  
mixtures of DHP,  
DHP and TBP

50 ppb mix

50 ppb mix

100 ppb mix

100 ppb mix

DATE CAL. 10/1/50

1000

Open Dmp

25000 Dmp d t m o

1000

Open Dmp/25000 Dmp d t m o

1000

1000 Dmp  
25000 Dmp d t m o

1000

1000 Dmp

25000 Dmp d t m o

DIMP CAL STD 2

1 ppm Dimp / 2.350 ppm Dimp

1 ppm Dimp / 2.350 ppm Dimp

1.51

1.51

DIM CAL STD 4

Aromatic Blank

CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> Blank

Ethyls Blank

Aromatic Blank

17.32

17.32

10 ppm DIM

250 ppm DIM

DMM Control Spike 1

DMM Control Blank

10/7 - 0.446 Sp.

10/7 - 0.446 Sp.

10/7 - 0.446 Sp.

10/7 - 0.446 Sp.

10/17 10000 DIMS SP

10/17

10000 DIMS SP

10/17

10000 DIMS SP

10/17

10/17

10/17

10000 DIMS SP

10/17

10000 DIMS SP

10/17

10/17

10/17 - 10000 DIMS SP

DIP Control Panel 5

DIP Control Panel 4

10/7 - 50 ppb Dip Sp.

5.5 g

10/7 - 50 ppb Dip Sp.

15.5 g

10/7 - 100 ppb Dip Sp.

12.5 g

10/7 - 100 ppb Dip Sp.

## **APPENDIX B**

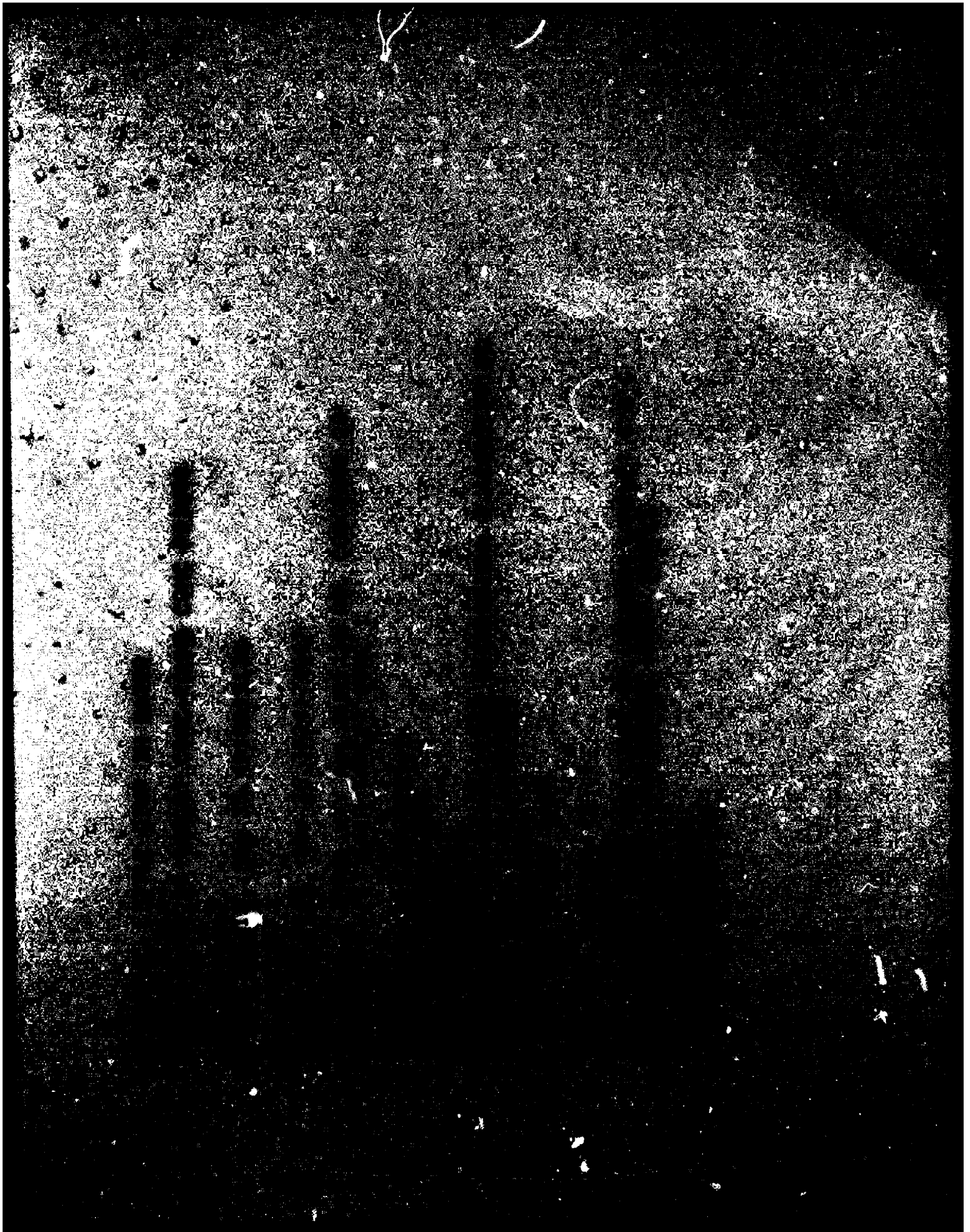
**Precision and Accuracy Data Set  
of Diisopropyl methylphosphonate**



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 RUNS 1 2 3 4

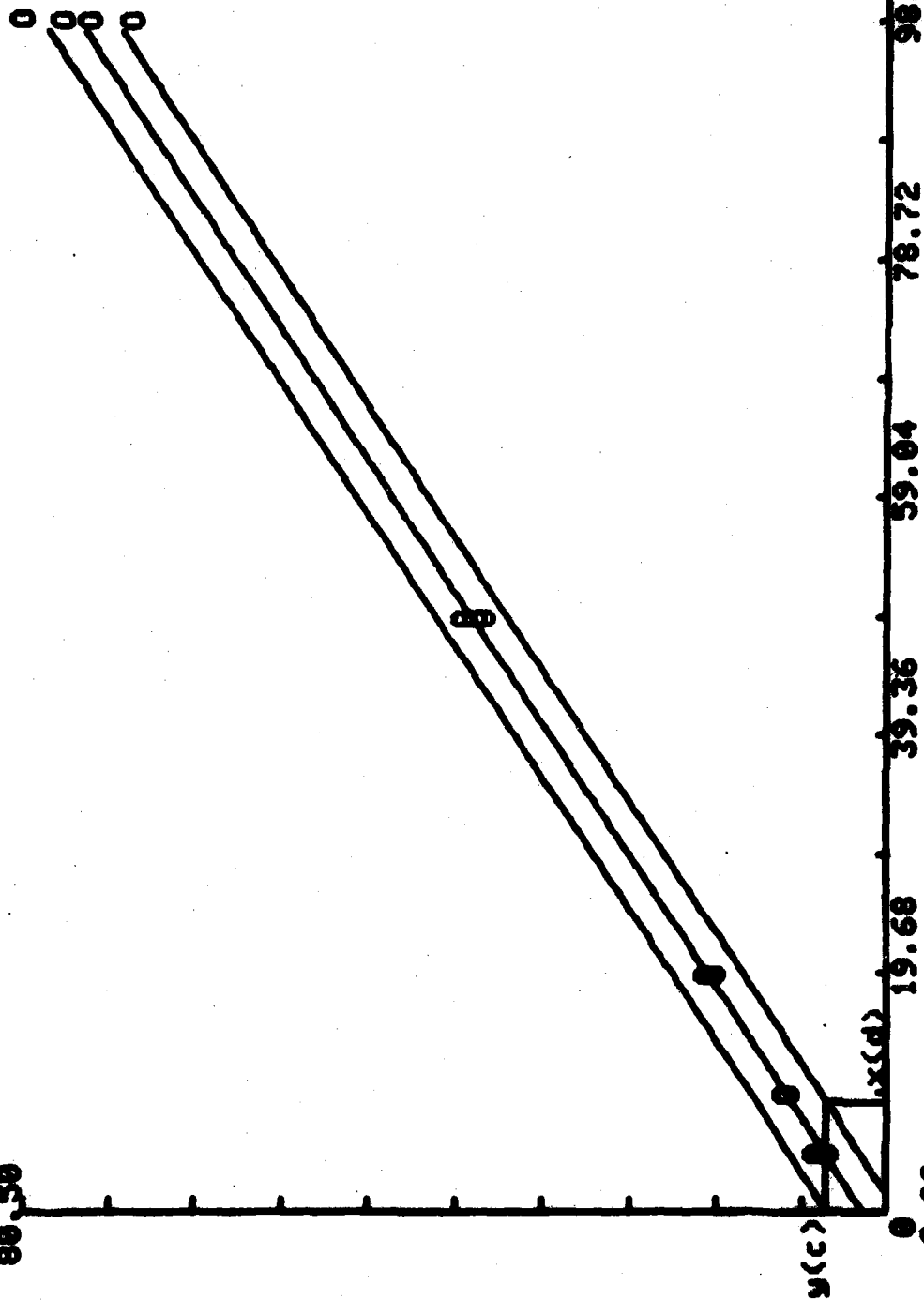
COMPILATION OF TARGET CONC. VS FOUND CONC

Target Conc UG/L	Day 1 Found Conc UG/L	Day 2 Found Conc UG/L	Day 3 Found Conc UG/L	Day 4 Found Conc UG/L
4.920	6.000	6.700	5.690	5.730
9.840	9.660	9.660	9.340	9.710
19.700	16.400	16.600	17.000	16.600
49.200	39.400	39.300	37.600	38.300
98.400	76.600	70.000	74.100	80.500



ARTHUR D. LITTLE DIMP IN WATER  
 RUNS 1 2 3 4  
 FOUND CONC

88.50



TARGET CONC

VERTICAL AXIS TIC INTERVAL = 0.05

ARTHUR D. LITTLE DIMP IN WATER  
 RUNS 1 2 3 4  
 STATISTICAL DATA USED TO DETERMINE PERCENT  
 INACCURACY AND IMPRECISION

Mn Target Con UG/L	Mn Found Conc UG/L	Standard Deviation	Mean Pct Inaccuracy	Imprecision
4.920	6.030	0.467	22.561	7.751
9.840	9.592	0.170	-2.515	1.772
19.700	16.650	0.252	-15.482	1.511
49.200	38.650	0.858	-21.443	2.221
98.400	75.300	4.407	-23.476	5.852
Means		1.231	-8.071	3.822

ARTHUR D. LITTLE DIMP IN WATER (TRUNCATED 2)  
RUNS 1 2 3 4  
ANALYSIS OF 12 TARGET CONC-FOUND CONC POINTS

TARGET CONC  
MEAN= 11.4866666667 SD= 6.41848089268

FOUND CONC  
MEAN= 10.7575 SD= 4.61858129536

NO. RUNS 4 TOTAL X-Y ALL RUNS 12 NO. CONCENTR 12  
MEASURES (Y'S) EACH TARGET CONC 1

INTERCEPT= 2.5084432867  
SLOPE= 0.718141907717

USE FOR ACCURACY

R= 0.998007790302

MEAN SQR DEV OF POINTS FROM REGRESSION= 0.093398972168

ST ERROR EST= 0.30561245421

USE FOR PRECISION

T FOR CONFIDENCE BAND

D.F.= 10

TWO TAIL P LEVEL IS .1

t= 1.81245868646

X(D) FOR CALIBRATION CURVE OR UNKNOWN SAMPLE? C/U C

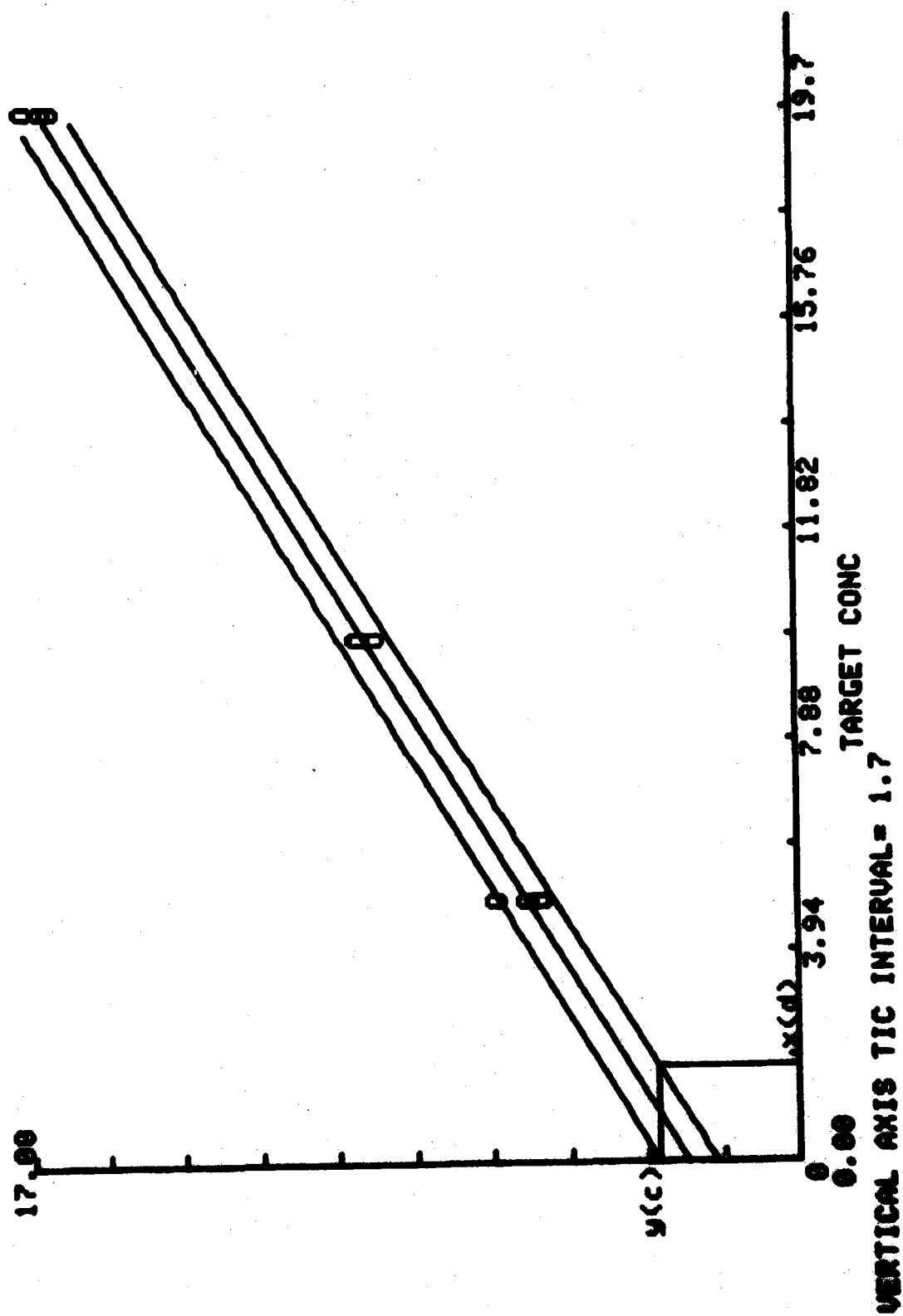
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MEASURED 1 TIME(S))

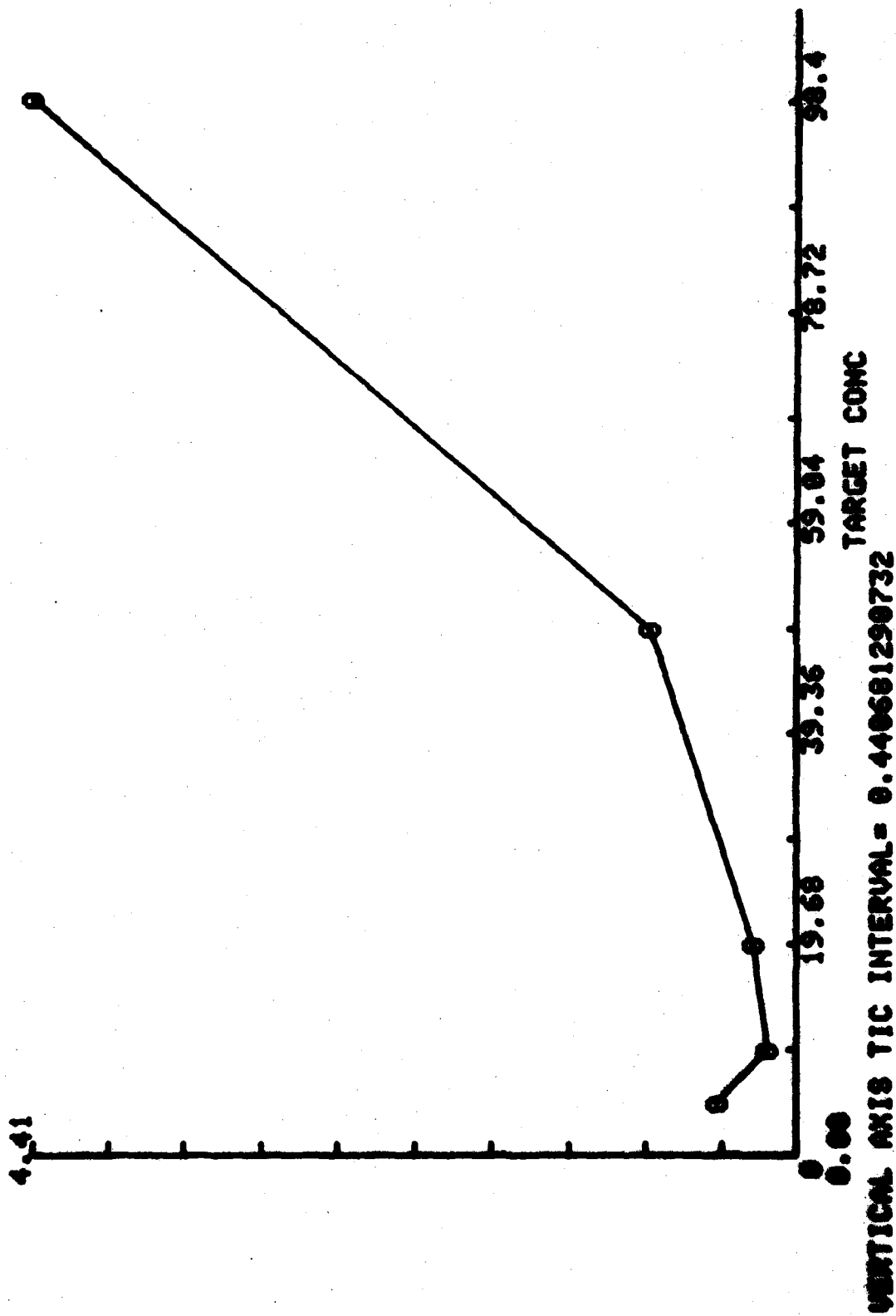
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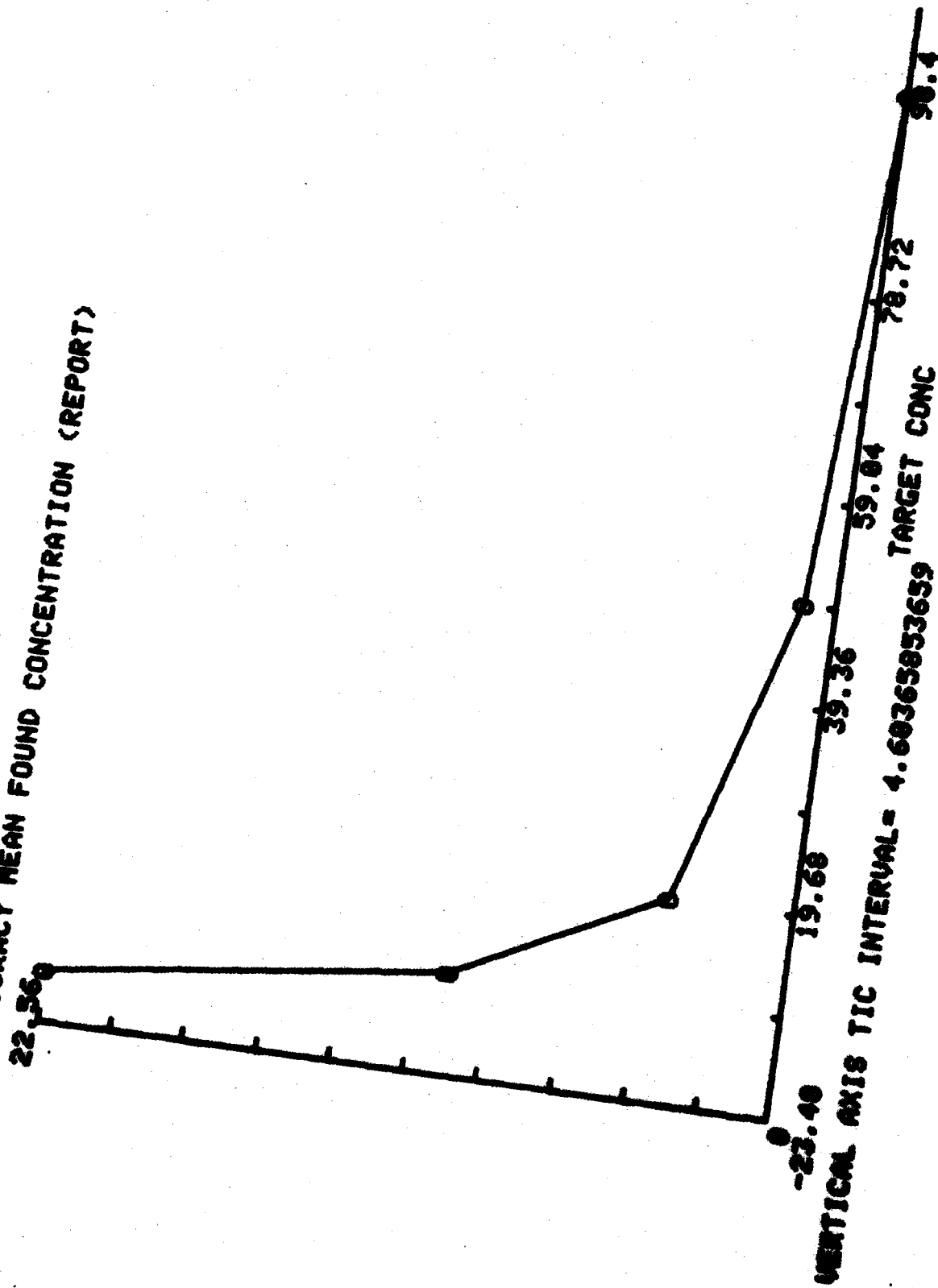
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 RUNS 1 2 3 4  
 FOUND CONC



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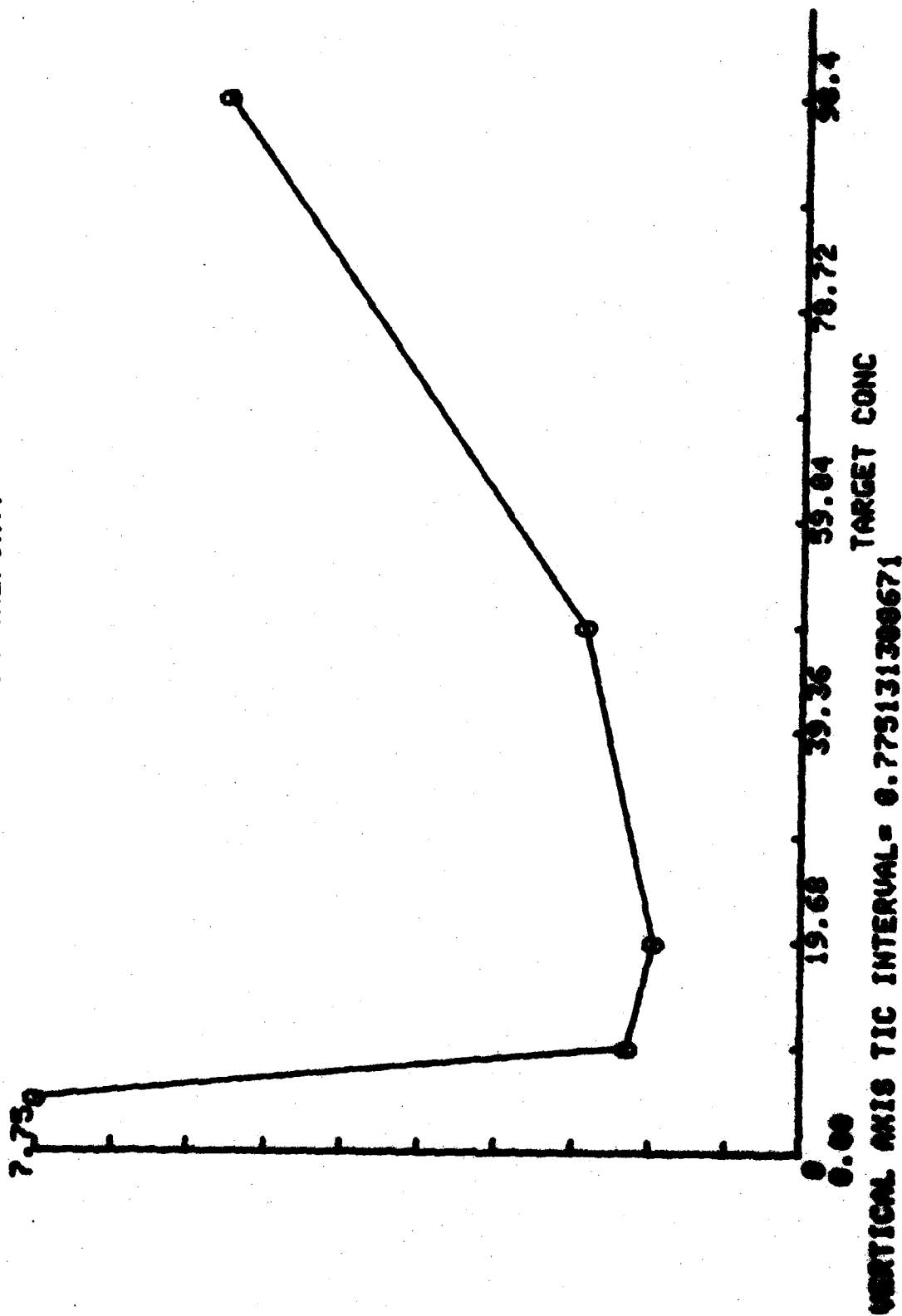


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 RUNS 1 2 3 4  
 MEAN INACCURACY MEAN FOUND CONCENTRATION (REPORT)





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